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## SB 1572 SD 1 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Statement for  
Senate Committee on  
Agriculture  
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SB 1572 SD 1 would permit the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a recycling and solid waste management program to encourage waste reduction and recycling. Our comments on this bill do not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We strongly support the intent of SB 1572 SD 1 as it would provide a single coordinating agency for managing waste reduction and recycling programs. Having a single coordinating agency will facilitate timeliness and efficiency in developing solid waste management programs for the state. In the event that the Department of Environmental Protection is developed, it would be appropriate for these functions to be housed under this department and not DOH, given the existing massive scope of responsibilities of DOH and the magnitude of this program.

Considering the importance and scope of the affected parties we suggest that chapter 340A-26 be amended to include the provision of a public hearing regardless of whether the director disapproves the recycling plan. It is important that the general public be involved in any management plan, since they are likely to be directly affected by any management program.

We urge that sufficient funds be appropriated to effectively implement this program.